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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment:

*In the specification:*

Please replace paragraph [0001] at page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application claims priority to the provisional filed application entitled *METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BALANCING BANDWIDTH AMONG MULTIPLE PORTS OF A NETWORK ELEMENT*, filed on December 7, 2001, serial no. 60/340,982, which is also incorporated herein by reference.--

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